

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: External Research on Soviet Union and Communist China

1. The State Department received a letter from Senator J. W. Fulbright requesting information on expenditures for the past five years by the U. S. Government and the Department of State on outside research on the Soviet Union and Communist China. The letter also requested comparable information contained in the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 1963.

2. The query raised by Senator Fulbright was referred to OGI by Mr. Donald W. Stigers of the State Department about 20 November 1961 with what was understood to be a request for the amount of research conducted by CIA. OGI referred the question to the Budget Division, and this office has compiled a summary of the research conducted by CIA in selected categories such as geographic, transportation, economic, scientific, etc. Subsequently [redacted] Office of the General Counsel, talked to Mr. Stigers and learned that the State Department has advised Senator Fulbright that the only information available in the State Department on this subject is the amount of research performed by the State Department, and that research conducted by other Government agencies would need to be obtained from the agencies direct. The State Department also advised Senator Fulbright of the [redacted] other Government agencies engaged in research including CIA when advised by [redacted] there was no objection to reporting CIA among the agencies conducting external research.

3. This appears to close the matter between the State Department and CIA although [redacted] states that if a direct request is made by Senator Fulbright for the Agency's research data, we should be able to furnish such information promptly. As the data has been compiled, such information can be furnished and a response made within a day or two following such a request. Therefore no further action is planned at this time. A copy of Senator Fulbright's letter to the Department of State is attached.

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